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SUBJ: COLOMBIAN FORNMIN'S COMMUNIQUE ON AIR PIRACY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CUBA AND COLOMBIA

THE FOL IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF FORNMIN
VAZQUEZ' COMMUNIQUE JULY 22/74 FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE
AGREEMENT ON AIR PIRACY BETWEEN CUBA AND COLOMBIA:

" TODAY I HAVE SIGNED AN IMPORTANT AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC
OF CUBA, THE FIRST THAT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF SEPARATION IN THEIR RELATIONS. THIS AGREE-
MENT ATTACHES
MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE ELIMINATION OF A TRANSGRESSION
THAT ASSUMES SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF DANGER FOR THE SOCIETY
IN GENERAL, AS WELL AS FOR THE CREWS AND PASSENGERS OF COMMERCIAL
AIRLINES IN PARTICULAR. COLOMBIAFG(PUBLIC) OPINION WILL RECEIVE
WITH SATISFACTION THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT COLOMBIUMAND CUBA
HAVE REACHED AN ACCORD ON THESE RULES FOR AIR SECURITY.

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"THE AGREEMENT HAS THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF COLOMBIA,

DR. ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN, AND WAS SIGNED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN HAVANA AND BOGOTA BY THE RESPECTIVE CHANCELORS AND PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF COLOMBIA AND CUBA. TO THUM EFFECT, DR. FABIO LOZANO SIMONDMLI, MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION AND OF THE VFAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND DR. GUSTAVO RFRCIA MORENO, SUBSECRETARY OF DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS OF THE COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, TRAVELED LAST WEEK TO CUBA. IN TURN, DRBS CARLOS AMAT FORES, AMZWSSADOR AND DICICTOR OF REGIONAL POLICY OF THE CUBAN FOREIGNU INISTRY, AND DR. TOMAS ALMODOVAR SALAS, CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR, DIPLOMATIC AND LEGAL ADVISORY DEPARTMENT OF THE CUBAN CHANCERY, CAME TO BOGOTA.

" IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT OTHER AMERICAN COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MEXICO, VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE CONCLUDED SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA.

THIS FALLSNATURALLY WITHIN THE FRAMWORK OF THE IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM THAT I HAVE DEFENDED IN RECENT YEARS IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC RESTATED IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS THIS PAST JULY 20. IN THIS MESSAGE HE SAID THAT SOONER OR LATER A NECESSARY RECONCILIATION HAS TO OCCUR BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF THE SAME CONTINENT IN SPITE OF IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES MAINTAINING MUTUAL RESPECT FOR AUTONOMY IN THEIR NATIONAL DECISIONS." VAKY

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